

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+
Divine Setting Five

**BELL CALL TO WORSHIP
WELCOME**

OPENING HYMN

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

#395

INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord!....our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for confession)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession.....and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE *(tune of Hark the Glad Sound)*

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

Have mercy, Christ our King

Renew us by your mercy, Lord;

Accept the prayers we bring.

GLORIA *(tune of Hark! The Herald Angels Sing)*

1. *“Glory be to God on high!” This is now our joyful cry.*

Peace to all who live on earth, Grace and favor for new birth.

You we praise and glorify. Worship you, O Lord most high.

Gracious Father, heav’nly King To your name alone we sing;

Praise the glory of your name, Now and evermore the same!

2. *Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son, sole-begotten, holy one,*

Born on earth From realms on high, Born true man for us to die.

Lamb of God, You take away This world’s sin; Grant peace we pray.

With the Spirit You alone Are most high, O God the Son,

And the father God above, Praise we now Your glorious love.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray... **C: Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (ESV)

The LORD calls the young boy, Samuel, to be a prophet for His people. God can use people of every age and ability to share His Word with others.

Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said,

"Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."
L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (ESV)

Forgiveness in Christ does not give us permission to go on sinning. We are to flee from sexual sins in particular because our bodies are a temple belonging to God.

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"--and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 1:43-51 (ESV)

Jesus calls Philip who then invites Nathanael to come and see the Christ.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St John the first chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *(tune of O Come, Little Children)*

- 1. The Father has showered His gifts from on high.
Most precious of gifts in the manger doth lie.
Our God and Creator has now sent His Son
That we with our God might forever be one.*
- 2. The Savior, Christ Jesus, is our Holy King.
Of Him our glad praises this day do we sing
The cross in His future Brief sorrow would bring.
In His death and rising the Grave lost its sting.*
- 3. The Spirit we treasure; Our hope can't grow dim.
For He is the star that hath brought us to Him.
Let Heaven rejoice as with Him we proclaim
That we are believers in God's Holy name.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

SERMON

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

“We Praise You, O God”

Jody Wiemer

#589

#785

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

SANCTUS (tune: *Holy, Holy, Holy*)

1. *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise
Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.
God in three persons! Blessed Trinity!*
2. *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns
of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise you, with saints and angels.
Holy and bless'd through all eternity!*

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF THE LORD

AGNUS DEI (tune: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*)

*Oh, Lamb of God we pray
Take all our sins away
Our faith increase
Have mercy on us all
Strengthen us when we fall
Answer our fervent call
And grant us peace.*

COMMUNION HYMN

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”

#624

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

#394

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Dan Barbey, St Peter Lutheran Church and School, Hampton
Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

Strength, peace and courage for the family of Pamela Radford (Verna Neujahr's sister in law) who went to her heavenly home on January 5, 2021

Dealing with an illness:

Christal Fehlhafer, Shirley Utter, Duane Barth, Roger Rhodes, Aaron DeWaard, Amy Frye's Father Frank,
Eugene Hladky, Paula Huebschman (Jamie Ramsey's mother), Mitch Peeks,
Barb Nordmeyer (niece of Verna Neujahr), Hawley Family
Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks,
Dick Greenwood, Linda Ehlers, Debbie Haleem, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother),
Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Mya Noreen (Great Grand Daughter of Darlene Link)

Declining Health:

Recovering from surgery:

Linda Luebbe,
Collin Sansom (Husband of Rosie Matlock's Granddaughter), Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer),
Aaron Price (Rosie Matlock's grandson)

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In Response to God's Love

January 10 : Total Attendance: 149 Sunday School: 15

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(01-17-21) Acolyte: Lexi Kraus **Lay Reader:** Jeff Wellman **Organist:** Dylan Teut

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (01-17)	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group
MONDAY (01-18)	1:00 PM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (01-19)	1:30 PM	Nimble Thimbles
WEDNESDAY (01-20)	8:25 AM	Chapel with Pastor Jon Dunbar
	3:45 PM	Midweek Classes
THURSDAY (01-21)	-----	
FRIDAY (01-22)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (01-23)	-----	
SUNDAY (01-24)	9:00 AM	Worship online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person/Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group

As of 01-12-21	Amount received 01-10-21	Needed each week	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$16,544.00			
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00			
School Tuition	\$0.00			
Total	\$16,544.00	\$15,280.00	\$30,705.00	\$3,639.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		Bldg Fund**	\$46,917.00
Teacherage Fund	\$50.00		Teacherage Fund	\$125.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$0.00			
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$100.00	\$93.00	\$1,827.00	\$88.00

Current Operating Note: \$0.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

Family of Glen Neujahr would like to thank everyone for the loving thoughts, comforts, prayers, beautiful flowers and generous memorials. We take great comfort in knowing that Glen is at peace in his heavenly home and has no more pain. Wish to thank Pastor Dunbar, Pastor Gudgel and organist Donetta Schmeiding for the comforting funeral and graveside service. Verna Neujahr and Family

Dear friends in Christ, Bonnie and I wish to thank all who have blessed us with cards, personal notes, family pictures, various gifts, and prayers said for us during the Christmas season and during our time of illness with COVID. Bonnie was hospitalized from Saturday, January 2nd, until Wednesday, January 6th. I felt symptoms on the 2nd. Both of us still have effects from the illness, but those are modest. We are quarantined until midweek. May God bless you in this new year. Pastor Gudgel

Special Collection for LFS

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska is an organization that provides help to families right here in our state including adoptions, refugee settlement, and job training services. On Sunday, January 24th you are invited to participate in a special collection to support their work. You can drop your gift in the designated plate at the door on that Sunday, mail or bring it in to the church office any time.

"Praying for Muslims 2021" booklet sign up sheet in at the Welcome Center

You can't buy diapers with food stamps or get them through WIC (Women, Infants and Children) • 22% of all children under five years old in the U.S. live in poverty and 1 out of every 3 families struggle to afford diapers • If a family can't afford Diapers, a baby may spend extended periods of time in the same soiled diaper. • Diapers cost an average of \$75-\$100 per month



CENTENNIAL SIXPENCE

DIAPER DRIVE

JANUARY 25-29



Bring diapers or wipes to either the high school or elementary office to help support families in our community in need

**Monetary donations can be made to Centennial Public School.*